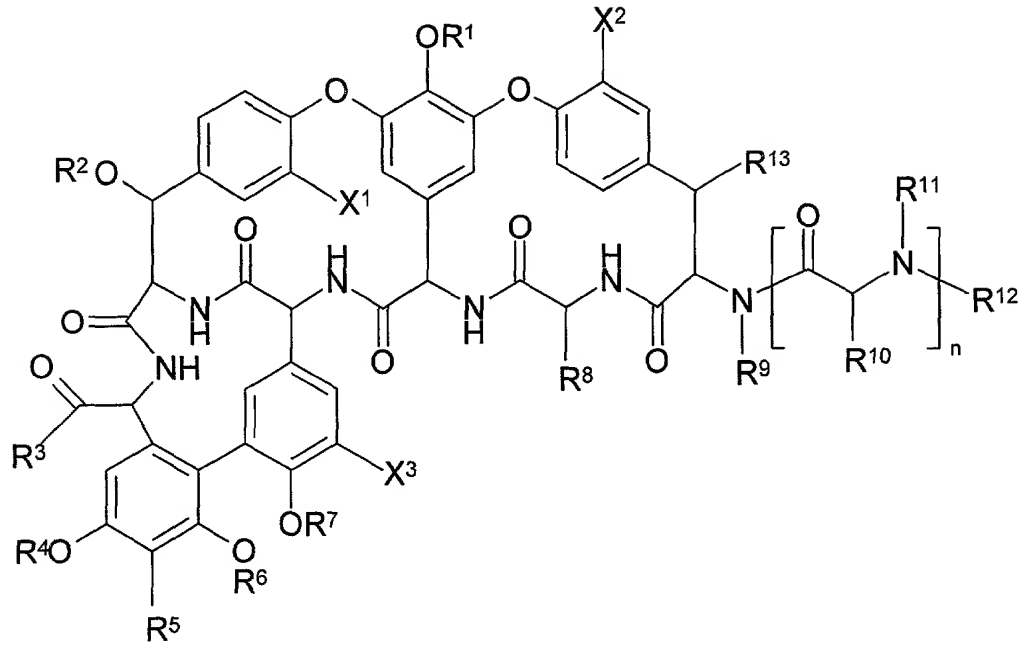
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A glycopeptide of formula I:



(I)

wherein:

R^1 is an amino containing saccharide group substituted on the amine with a substituent that comprises two or more (e.g. 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6) hydroxy (OH) groups;

R^2 is hydrogen or a saccharide group optionally substituted with $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, R^f, $-C(O)R^f$, or $-C(O)-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$;

R^3 is $-OR^c$, $-NR^cR^c$, $-O-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, $-NR^c-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, $-NR^cR^e$, or $-O-R^e$;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, $-C(O)R^d$ and

a saccharide group optionally substituted with $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, R^f, $-C(O)R^f$, or $-C(O)-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, $-CH(R^c)-NR^cR^c$, $-CH(R^c)-NR^cR^e$, $-CH(R^c)-NR^c-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, $-CH(R^c)-R^x$, and $-CH(R^c)-NR^c-R^a-C(=O)-R^x$;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, $-C(O)R^d$ and a saccharide group optionally substituted with $-NR^c-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, or R^5 and R^6 can be joined, together with the atoms to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring optionally substituted with $-NR^c-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$;

R^7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, and $-C(O)R^d$;

R^8 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

R^9 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

R^{10} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic; or R^8 and R^{10} are joined to form $-Ar^1-O-Ar^2-$, where Ar^1 and Ar^2 are independently arylene or heteroarylene;

R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic, or

R^{10} and R^{11} are joined, together with the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are attached, to form a heterocyclic ring;

R^{12} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclic, $-C(O)R^d$, $-C(NH)R^d$, $-C(O)NR^cR^c$, $-C(O)OR^d$, $-C(NH)NR^cR^c$ and $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, or R^{11} and R^{12} are joined, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, to form a heterocyclic ring;

R^{13} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or $-OR^{14}$;

R^{14} is selected from hydrogen, $-C(O)R^d$ and a saccharide group;

each R^a is independently selected from the group consisting of alkylene, substituted alkylene, alkenylene, substituted alkenylene, alkynylene and substituted alkynylene;

each R^b is independently selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, alkylene, substituted alkylene, alkenylene, substituted alkenylene, alkynylene and substituted alkynylene, provided R^b is not a covalent bond when Z is hydrogen;

each R^c is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclic and $-C(O)R^d$;

each R^d is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

R^e is a saccharide group;

each R^f is independently alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic;

R^x is a nitrogen-linked amino saccharide or a nitrogen-linked heterocycle;

X^1, X^2 and X^3 are independently selected from hydrogen or chloro;

each Y is independently selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, $-S-S-$, $-NR^c-$, $-S(O)-$, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^cC(O)-$, $-OSO_2-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-NR^cSO_2-$, $-C(O)NR^c-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-SO_2NR^c-$, $-SO_2O-$, $-P(O)(OR^c)O-$, $-P(O)(OR^c)NR^c-$, $-OP(O)(OR^c)O-$, $-OP(O)(OR^c)NR^c-$, $-OC(O)O-$, $-NR^cC(O)O-$, $-NR^cC(O)NR^c-$, $-OC(O)NR^c-$, -C(=O)-, and $-NR^cSO_2NR^c-$;

each *Z* is independently selected from hydrogen, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

n is 0, 1 or 2; and

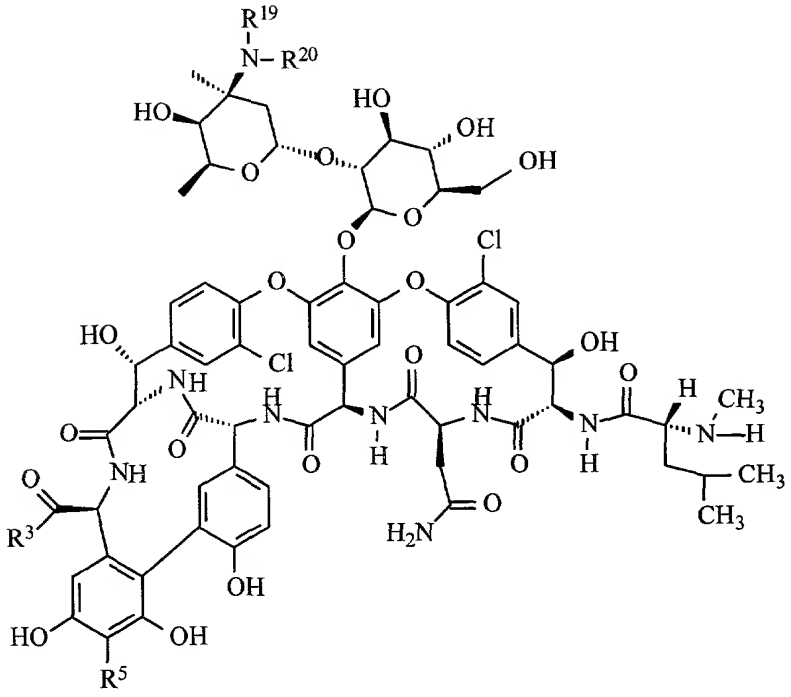
x is 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, stereoisomer, or prodrug thereof;

provided the group R^3 does not comprises more than one carboxy group; and

provided the group R^3 is not a substituent that comprises one or more saccharide groups and a carboxy (COOH) group; and

provided the compound of formula I is not a compound of formula II:



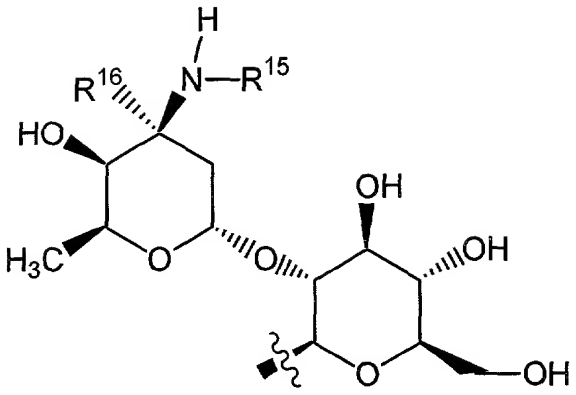
(II)

a) wherein R^3 is OH; R^5 is hydrogen; R^{19} is $-CH_2[CH(OH)]_4COOH$; and R^{20} is $-CH_2CH_2-NH-(CH_2)_9CH_3$; or

b) wherein R^3 is OH; R^5 is hydrogen; R^{19} is hydrogen; and R^{20} is $-CH_2CH_2-N(C(O)$-3,4,5-trihydroxycyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-$(CH_2)_9CH_3$ (R,S,R isomer).

2. The glycopeptide of claim 1 wherein R^1 is an amino containing saccharide group substituted on the amine with a group comprising two or more hydroxy groups that is selected from $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, R^f, $-C(O)R^f$, and $-C(O)-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)$.

3. The glycopeptide of claim 1 wherein R^1 is a saccharide group of the formula:



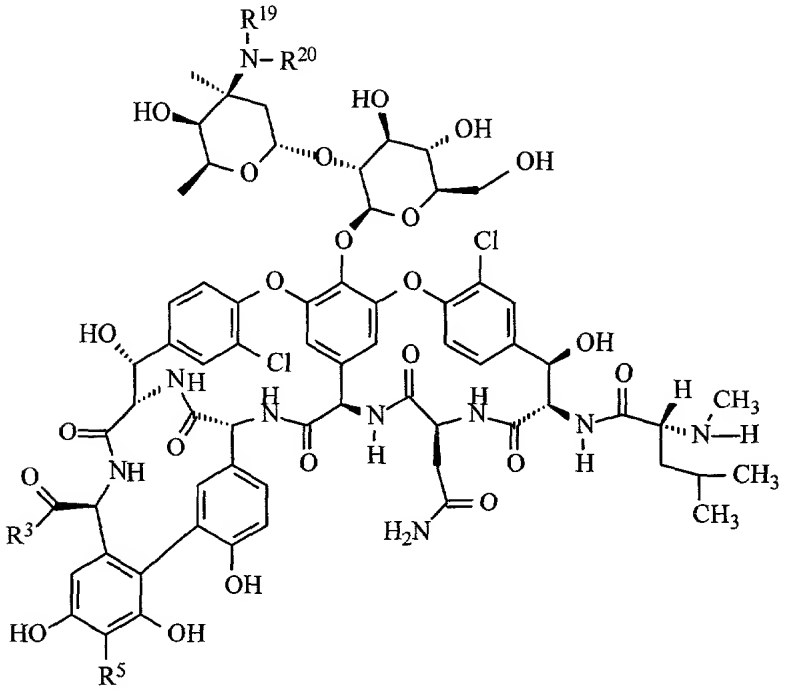
wherein R^{15} comprises two or more hydroxy groups and is selected from $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, R^f, $-C(O)R^f$, and $-C(O)-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$; and R^{16} is hydrogen or methyl.

4. The glycopeptide of claim 3 wherein R^{15} is substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclic, substituted alkyl-C(O)-, substituted alkenyl-C(O)-, substituted alkynyl-C(O)-, substituted cycloalkyl-C(O)-, substituted cycloalkenyl-C(O)-, aryl-C(O)-, heteroaryl-C(O)-, or heterocyclic-C(O)-; wherein R^{15} comprises two or more hydroxy groups.

5. The glycopeptide of claim 3 wherein R^{15} is a group of formula -CH2-$CH(OH)CH(OH)CH_2$-Y-R^b-$(Z)_x$; wherein Y, R^b, Z, and x have the values defined in claim 1.

6. The glycopeptide of claim 3 wherein R^{15} is a group of formula-CH2-$CH(OH)CH(OH)CH_2$-R^{17} wherein R^{17} is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic.

7. The glycopeptide of claim 1 which is a compound of formula II:



(II)

wherein:

R^{19} is hydrogen;

R^{20} is $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, R^f, $-C(O)R^f$, or $-C(O)-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$; and

R^a, Y, R^b, Z, x, R^f, R^3, and R^5 have any of the values defined in claim 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, stereoisomer, or prodrug thereof.

8. The glycopeptide of claim 7 wherein R^3 is OH.

9. The glycopeptide of claim 7 wherein R^5 is hydrogen.

10. The glycopeptide of claim 27 wherein R^{19} is hydrogen; and R^{20} is selected from $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$, R^f, $-C(O)R^f$, and $-C(O)-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$.

11. The glycopeptide of claim 10 wherein R^{20} is substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclic, substituted alkyl-C(O)-, substituted alkenyl-C(O)-, substituted alkynyl-C(O)-, substituted cycloalkyl-C(O)-, substituted cycloalkenyl-C(O)-, aryl-C(O)-, heteroaryl-C(O)-, or heterocyclic-C(O)-; wherein R^{15} comprises two or more hydroxy groups.

12. The glycopeptide of claim 10 wherein R^{20} is substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkyl-C(O)-, substituted alkenyl-C(O)-, substituted alkynyl-C(O)-; wherein R^{15} comprises two or more hydroxy groups.

13. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

14. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 13, which comprises a cyclodextrin.

15. A method of treating a mammal having a bacterial disease, the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a glycopeptide of claim 1.

16. A method of treating a mammal having a bacterial disease, the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a glycopeptide of claim 7.

17. A method of treating a mammal having a bacterial disease, the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition of claim 13.